



**Grant  
CITY OF AUSTIN  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 11  
AGENDA DATE: Thu 03/23/2006  
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**SUBJECT:** Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$105,000 in grant funds from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and amending the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20050912-001 to appropriate \$105,000 to the Austin Public Library for the Public Access Computer Hardware Upgrade Program.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Funding in the amount of \$105,000 is available from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The grant period is January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. No City match is required.

**FISCAL NOTE:** A fiscal note is attached.

**REQUESTING Library  
DEPARTMENT:**

**DIRECTOR'S  
AUTHORIZATION: Brenda Branch**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joe Faulk; Dana McBee

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** N/A

**BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION:** N/A

**PURCHASING:** N/A

**MBE / WBE:** N/A

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The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation supports the efforts of public libraries throughout the United States to improve access to information by providing public access computing services to library customers. Consequently, the Foundation has established a new, one-time Public Access Computer Hardware Upgrade grant program to help libraries that received Foundation public access computer funds between 1997 and 2000 move closer toward public access computer equity and sustainability.

Under this program, libraries still employing public access computers purchased with Gates Foundation funds through the year 2000 may receive grant funds to upgrade or replace such computers in the years 2005-2006. Once these replacements/upgrades have been made, any remaining grant funds may be used to replace, upgrade, or add additional public access computers.

The Austin Public Library system currently has 70 public access computers at 17 library locations that will be replaced / upgraded with funding from this grant program. Additionally, the total funding amount will enable the Library to replace / upgrade an additional 60 public access computers for a total of 130 machines system-wide. In FY 2005, over 799,000 customers used public Internet stations system-wide. This grant will support the Austin Public Library's goal to provide customers with accessible, secure, and well-maintained library facilities with appropriate technological resources.

**ORDINANCE NO.**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS  
AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 OPERATING BUDGET  
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND OF ORDINANCE NO. 20050912-001 TO  
APPROPRIATE FUNDS.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

**PART 1.** The Council authorizes acceptance of \$105,000 in Public Access Computer Hardware Upgrade grant funds from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Public Access Computer Hardware Upgrade Program.

**PART 2.** The Council amends the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Operating Budget Special Fund of Ordinance No. 20050912-001 to appropriate \$105,000 to the Austin Public Library Public for computer hardware upgrades for public access computers.

**PART 3.** This ordinance takes effect on \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

**PASSED AND APPROVED**

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                                 Will Wynn  
                                 Mayor

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
                         David Allan Smith  
                         City Attorney

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
                         Shirley A. Gentry  
                         City Clerk